IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re : DOUGLAS E. LECRONE AND EUGENE D. PFLUEGER

Serial No. : 10/785,614

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FOR : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENABLING CONSISTENT

ANCILLARY DISK ARRAY STORAGE DEVICE

OPERATIONS WITH RESPECT TO A MAIN APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Applicant respectfully petitions that the time to respond to a Office Action mailed January 5, 2007 be extended one (1) month to May 5, 2007. Applicant is submitting concurrently herewith a first response to the Office Action.

Please charge any costs in connection with this document to Deposit Account No. 05-0889.

Respectfully Submitted,

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